

Claims

- [c1] A method for managing the annotation of a document comprising:
 - obtaining an original document;
 - making an original electronic version of the document available to an annotation manager system;
 - associating the original electronic version of the document with digital paper;
 - printing a plurality of hardcopies of the original electronic version of the document on the associated digital paper;
 - distributing the hardcopies to a plurality of team members;
 - receiving a plurality of annotations from the team members;
 - associating each annotation with a location in the original electronic version of the document; and
 - creating a new annotated version of the original electronic version of the document incorporating the annotations.
- [c2] The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - incorporating annotation metadata into the new anno-

tated version.

- [c3] The method of claim 2, wherein,
the metadata includes a time and date associated with
each annotation.
- [c4] The method of claim 3, wherein,
the metadata includes a user identification for each an-
notation.
- [c5] The method of claim 1, further including:
anchoring at least one of the annotations to a paragraph
of the original electronic version of the document.
- [c6] The method of claim 1, further including:
anchoring at least one of the annotations to a paragraph
of the original electronic version of the document.
- [c7] The method of claim 1, further comprising:
parsing the annotations for at least one editing com-
mands.
- [c8] The method of claim 7, further including:
determining an authorization level for the at least one
editing command; and
if the authorization level for the at least one editing
command is below an authorization threshold, convert-
ing the at least one editing command into an annotation.

- [c9] The method of claim 7, wherein,
the at least one editing command is a plurality of editing
commands; and
further including:
prioritizing the editing commands.
- [c10] The method of claim 8, further including:
converting nonpriority editing commands into annotations.
- [c11] The method of claim 1, wherein,
the associating the original electronic version of the document with digital paper further comprises scanning a digital pattern on the digital paper before printing a plurality of hardcopies.
- [c12] The method of claim 2, further comprising:
comparing the annotation time metadata against a reviewer profile.
- [c13] A system for managing the annotation of a document comprising:
means for obtaining an original document;
means for making an original electronic version of the document available to an annotation manager system;
means for associating the original electronic version of the document with digital paper;

means for printing a plurality of hardcopies of the original electronic version of the document on the associated digital paper;

means for distributing the hardcopies to a plurality of team members;

means for receiving a plurality of annotations from the team members;

means for associating each annotation with a location in the original electronic version of the document; and

means for creating a new annotated version of the original electronic version of the document incorporating the annotations.

- [c14] The system of claim 13, further comprising:
means for incorporating annotation metadata into the new annotated version.
- [c15] The system of claim 14, wherein,
the metadata includes a time and date associated with each annotation.
- [c16] The system of claim 15, wherein,
the metadata includes a user identification for each annotation.
- [c17] The system of claim 13, further including:
means for anchoring at least one of the annotations to a

paragraph of the original electronic version of the document.

- [c18] The system of claim 13, further comprising:
means for parsing the annotations for at least one editing commands.
- [c19] The system of claim 18, further including:
means for determining an authorization level for the at least one editing command; and
means for determining if the authorization level for the at least one editing command is below an authorization threshold.
- [c20] The system of claim 19, further including:
means for converting nonpriority editing commands into annotations.